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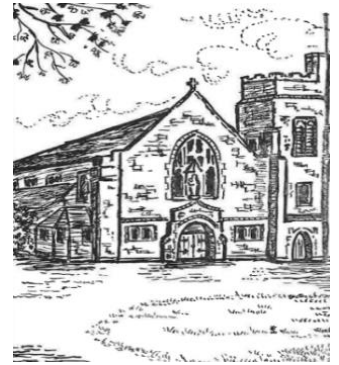
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As we meditate on the readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we see the importance of living our faith. Our actions matter and are seen by God. We might not always see the results, but we trust that God is working through us.

Let us be encouraged by the promise in Ezekiel, the call to live by faith in Corinthians, and the parable of the mustard seed in the Gospel. God is with us in our small efforts and will use them to build His kingdom. We do not need to worry about being great in the eyes of the world. Instead, we focus on being faithful and humble servants of God.

DAY FOR LIFE

Today we celebrate the Day for Life. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 16 June. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*.

A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

Day for Life is marked on the same day by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. We hope that parishes will be able to prepare to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life using the resources that will be issued by the Conferences.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK - DAY FOR LIFE: This weekend there will be a second collection for Day For Life. The money raised will help contribute to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and the production of literature promoting life.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please pray for the children of our parish as they celebrate their First Holy Communion next weekend and the weekend after.

DAY FOR LIFE- BISHOPS MESSAGE-

Special focus *Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

‘There has been much discussion in the media recently about ‘assisted suicide’, whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this.

As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

Jesus did not send the sick away. Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross to the very end as Her Son, Jesus, died. Mary is the model of compassionate presence and prayer whom we are called to imitate. People close to death and their loved ones, often go through similar darkness and pain but can come to a more complete acceptance and find peace in those treasured last moments accompanied by spiritual care.’

Bishop John Sherrington (England and Wales), Bishop Kevin Doran (Ireland), and Bishop John Keenan (Scotland)

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that’s ‘pills by post’ abortions, ‘decriminalisation’, buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year’s March for Life which is ‘Abortion isn’t Healthcare’. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops remind us: *“We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead.”* The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until mid September and there are now no Saturday evening or Sunday masses available for the rest of the year.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: The Campion School would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on Wednesday, 26th June from 4.30pm to 7pm. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5pm and repeated at 6.30pm. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

YOUTH CLUB: Looking ahead to the new academic year, there will be a REGISTRATION EVENING in the Parish Hall on Friday 21st June for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2024, those in Year 6. One parent or carer can come without the youngster anytime between 7.45 - 9:00 pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, you MUST bring along £5 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in years 7,8,9 & above who wish to rejoin still need to be registered by a parent/carers, also on Friday 21st or 28th June. Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

ST JOSEPH'S, UPMINSTER - RECEPTION CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024: There are currently vacancies in the Reception Class starting this coming September 2024. If you know of any families looking for a Reception space for September, please advise them to contact the school office. Some families who are not practising, may have chosen not to apply as they could not complete the Catholic Practice certificate. They would be very welcome.

FOODBANK: Please don't forget we have a donation box which is located in the porch of the church for any donations. All donations go to Rainham foodbank and are vitally needed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Hannah Brennan, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	15 th June	6.30pm	Annette Chandler RIP
Sunday Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time	16 th June	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	17 th June	9.15am	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	18 th June	9.15am	Peter Canavan RIP
Wednesday	19 th June	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Deceased members of the Muthu family RIP
Thursday	20 th June	9.15am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Aloysius Gonzaga	21 st June	9.15am	Brian Mansfield RIP
		7.00pm	Theresa Doyle RIP
Saturday SS John Fisher & Thomas More Vigil Mass	22 nd June	9.15am	Donald McDiarmid RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Confirmation prayer partners Int
Sunday Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time	23 rd June	8.00am	John Dennehy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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